

DEMENTED MAN SHOTS STRANGER ON BUSY CORNER

Fires Three Shots, Mortally
Wounding Murray Lewis
Near Grand Central Station.

FIGHTS A POLICEMAN.

Great Crowd From Station and
Hotel Commodore Causes
Call for Reserves.

Florando Fargnallo of No. 55
Dante Place, Buffalo, on his way to
Italy and apparently demented, shot
and mortally wounded Murray Lewis
of No. 217 East 33d Street at Lexington
Avenue and 42d Street at 11
o'clock to-day.

The shots alarmed the guests of
the Hotel Commodore and several
hundred of them ran to the street.
The crowd was increased by hun-
dreds of passengers from the Grand
Central Terminal, so that the police
reserves from the East 61st Street
Station were kept busy for an hour.

Lewis was entering the United Cigar
Store on the corner when Fargnallo
stepped up and fired his revolver
three times. One bullet entered
Lewis's abdomen and two others went
through his right arm.

Traffic Policeman Bellocchi ran from
the crossing and, knocking aside the
revolver which Fargnallo was point-
ing at him, overpowered the man. The
policeman took Lewis and the pris-
oner together to Bellevue Hospital
and then returned with Fargnallo to
the East 61st Street station.

Fargnallo talked incoherently at
the station. He said he had noticed
Lewis eying him for some time and
was satisfied the only way to protect
himself from highway robbery was
to shoot. He had a number of stock
certificates of doubtful value in his
pocket which he exhibited as causing
him to fear robbery.

He had also papers showing he was
a member of the Grey Detective
Agency in Buffalo and had applied
for appointment as a Buffalo police-
man. He has been staying at Volk's
Hotel at Third Avenue and 42d
Street.

ALERT COP HALTS LIQUOR ROBBERY

Two Men Held After Mysterious
Actions Arouse Suspicion of
Policeman on Beat.

A man who busied himself at 4 o'clock
this morning with looking searchingly
up and down the street and then ap-
parently reporting to two others who
stood in the doorway of the licensed
wine and liquor establishment of Her-
man Altman, No. 770 Columbus Ave-
nue, was arrested by Patrolman Ford
of the West 109th Street Station. The
two in the doorway immediately made
off.

Ford pursued them along 109th street,
holding fast to his prisoner and firing
four shots at the fugitives. Patrolman
O'Brien came up on the run and caught
one of the fugitives but the other got
away. The men described themselves
as Anthony Nicosius of the European
Hotel, Park Row and Pearl Street, and
Antonio di Francisco, No. 2365 Lorillard
Place, the Bronx.

When an inspection of the liquor
premises was made it was found the
door had been jammed and two barrels
of whiskey trundled up to it, apparently
in anticipation of a truck on which to
load it. Both men denied having had
anything to do with the jamming, but
Magistrate Levine, in the West Side
Court, held them in \$15,000 bail each
on charge of larceny.

EFFORT TO ADVANCE HOUSING LAW CASES

U. S. Supreme Court Asked to
Advance Date for Hearing
Arguments.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Advance-
ment of the date for hearing argu-
ments on the case which will determine the
constitutionality of New York State
housing laws passed to curb rent pro-
fiters was asked of the Supreme Court
to-day.

The Court was asked to hear the case
this week with a suit attacking the
constitutionality of the District of Col-
umbia Act, creating a rent commission.
The New York suit is brought by the
Marcus Brown Holding Company, a real
estate concern which lost its effort in
lower courts to have the law set aside.

FLIGHT VICTIMS HONORED.

Military Funeral for Two Aviators
Killed at Rockaway Point.

Military honors were observed to-day
at the double funeral services for Junior
Grade Lieut. Harold C. Stevens and
Lieutenant Mate Eugene Lindsay, who
were killed Saturday when their plane
struck a hangar at the Rockaway Point
Naval Air Station. Father Brady
officiated at the service held by the
officers' quarters at the air station.
There was a military escort and the
band from the Brooklyn Navy Yard
was in the procession from the air
station to the railroad station. Stevens's
body was sent to the home of his
parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stevens,
No. 17 Union Street, Mount Vernon, N.
Y., while that of Lindsay will be sent
to San Francisco.

An investigation was started at the
air station this afternoon.

Woman's Body Off Edgemere.

The body of an unidentified woman,
apparently in the water three weeks,
was washed up at Edgemere, Long
Island, this morning. The woman was
about thirty-five years old, weighed 110
pounds and was a foot 8 inches in
height. She had dark hair and skin.
The body was taken to Dieringer's
Morgue, 7th Rockaway.

Wife and Daughter of J. J. Davis, Coming Secretary of Labor



MRS. JAMES J. DAVIS AND
DAUGHTER JANE ELIZABETH

SHOWS BIG SURPLUS FOR TELEPHONE CO.

City Official Reveals \$18,000,000
Accumulation in Arguments on
Emergency Increased Rates.

That the New York Telephone Com-
pany has accumulated an \$18,000,000
surplus over earnings since 1915 and
that the additional revenue to the com-
pany, if the so-called emergency rates
are passed, will amount to \$11,000,000
annually was brought out to-day at the
hearing on the application of the com-
pany for an order of the Public Service
Commission authorizing a temporary,
or emergency schedule of rates, for
telephone service in the city. The hear-
ing was before Charles B. Hill, Chair-
man, in the Hall of Records.

M. L. Farlig, Assistant Corporation
Counsel, also brought out that the
above figures were based on the allow-
ance of \$1 per station which, for the
period named, is approximately \$5,500,
000 and does not allow for income taxes
paid amounting to \$2,346,000. The city
is further prepared to prove, said Mr.
Farlig, the percentage of net revenue to
the book value of the property from
1914 to Sept. 1, 1920, was as follows:
1914, 15.5 per cent.; 1915, 12.2 per
cent.; 1916, 20.7 per cent.; 1917, 19.2 per
cent.; 1918, 17.1 per cent.; 1919, 15.3 per
cent.; and 1920 (eight months only) 5.4
per cent. The average is 13.4 per cent.

ACTRESS SAYS COP REFUSED TO ARREST

Charging Insult by Taxi Driver,
She Says She Was Told She Had
No Business Out So Late.

Miss Virginia Allen, an actress, ap-
peared in the Adams Street Court,
Brooklyn, to-day as complainant against
George F. O'Keefe, chauffeur, of No.
135 Bergen Street. She said he invited
her to ride, and when she ignored him
he followed in his car and called her
names. She asked a policeman to arrest
O'Keefe, she said, but the policeman
said:

"You women who stay out until the
very early hours of the morning can't
expect better treatment."
"That officer ought to be here," said
Magistrate McCloskey. "Do you know
him?"

Miss Allen replied she did not. The
magistrate said women are entitled to
as much protection as a man. At 3
P. M. O'Keefe denied the charge and
was released two days later. The case
was an investigation of his character. Miss
Allen lives at No. 23 Schermerhorn
Street, Brooklyn.

SCOTCH AND IRISH NIPPED.

Customs Men Seize 400 Bottles
Smuggled From Steamship.

Acting on information obtained yester-
day from a member of the crew of the
steamship Shooters Island who was
caught trying to smuggle two bottles
of whiskey ashore from the vessel at
Pier No. 45, North River, Customs in-
spectors Ernest Lockwood and Jerry
Rothschild visited a saloon at No. 144
East 51d Street to-day and seized 400
bottles of Scotch and Irish whiskey.
They then visited the Shooters Island
and arrested the chief steward, whom
they accused of smuggling the liquor
from the ship and selling it to the
East 51d Street saloonkeeper.
The Shooters Island arrived on Feb.
19th from British ports. Members of
the crew, the Customs authorities asser-
ted, engaged in smuggling whiskey as a side
line. The saloonkeeper gave himself up
at the Custom House this afternoon and
the saloon was reported to the Prohi-
bition Enforcement Bureau.

MRS. ZINSSER DISCHARGED.

Court Decides She Was Brought
Within Jurisdiction by Im-
proper Device.

Supreme Court Justice John Ford to-
day discharged Mrs. Gertrude B. Zin-
sser of Passaic, N. J., wife of Rudolph
Zinsser, a wealthy paint manufacturer,
with offices at No. 195 Wall Street,
from custody upon the charge of wil-
fully disobeying an order of the Court.
She had been directed to produce her
daughter, Marie Louise, three years
old, in habeas corpus proceedings begun
by her husband.
Justice Ford decided Mrs. Zinsser had
been brought within the jurisdiction of
the Court by an improper device. The
case culminated a week ago with the
arrest of Mrs. Zinsser for disobedience
of the Supreme Court writ. Mrs. Zin-
sser, at the time of her arrest, had ap-
peared in New York to give bail in
criminal proceedings based on the same
charge.

BANKER FAILED TO SEND MONEY TO EUROPE, IS CHARGE

Suit Brought Against Private
Banker Ordered for Trial
To-Morrow.

Justice Newburger, in the Supreme
Court, called for trial to-day a suit
brought on Nov. 23 by Joseph Bifarella
against Henry C. Zaro, a private
banker at Sixth Street and Third
Avenue, for recovery of \$2,000, with in-
terest from Nov. 22, 1919, which sum,
it is alleged, the plaintiff intrusted to
Zaro on that date for transmission to
Italy. It is charged Zaro, instead of
immediately transmitting the money
retained possession of it until the rate
of exchange had declined to such an
extent as to impose a loss of \$1,250 on
the plaintiff.

Counsel for Zaro asked for an ad-
journment, pending the appointment
of a commission to obtain evidence in
Italy. Justice Newburger, on repre-
sentation of Anthony L. Gattuta,
counsel for Bifarella, said that this would
put the trial over until next fall,
granted an adjournment of one day
and ordered the case proceed to-mor-
row morning.

The papers in the case charge
Bifarella gave Zaro \$2,000 on Nov.
22, 1919, with instructions to trans-
mit it to the Bank of Rome, in Rome,
to be credited to his account. The purpose
of the transmission was to enable
Bifarella's brother to buy a home.
Bifarella, it is alleged, went to Zaro's
bank two months later and asked for
his book showing a credit in the Bank
of Rome. He was asked to call again.
A week later he was again disap-
pointed and after some delay he wrote to the Bank of Rome.
He received a reply in June, 1920,
stating no money had been received
from Zaro to be credited to the ac-
count of Joseph Bifarella.
Bifarella charges in his complaint
he took the letter to Zaro's bank and
was told the money had been sent to
the Commercial Bank of Rome. He
wrote to the Commercial Bank, al-
leged, and received a reply there was
nothing to his credit in that in-
stitution. Then, after demanding
from Zaro the return of his money,
he brought suit.

The Bank of Rome announced six
new cases of sleeping sickness, four in
Manhattan and two in Brooklyn. Two
deaths were announced in Brooklyn.
Health Commissioner Copeland re-
turned to-day from a conference in
Washington with Surgeon General Cum-
mings and the Health Commissioners of
all the coast cities. They unanimously
urged the appropriation of \$500,000 for
the protection of public health at New
York, \$300,000 for Boston, \$300,000 for
Philadelphia and \$100,000 for Baltimore.
Dr. Copeland urges citizens and civi-
lians to press their Congressmen to
vote for the appropriations, and it is
hoped to have the President send a spe-
cial message to Congress on the subject.

HER DIAMOND RING SET HUBBY THINKING

Other Indications of Prosperity
Cause Him to Sue for \$100,000
for Lost Affections.

Irving D. Hurley of No. 292 Vanden-
bilt Avenue, Brooklyn, filed a suit for
\$100,000 in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn,
against Joseph O'Malley, who was in the
Bureau of Fire Prevention in the
municipal administration, for the aliena-
tion of the affections of Mrs. Mary A.
Hurley, who now has a clerical posi-
tion under O'Malley in the Brooklyn Ice
Palace.
Hurley asserts that he returned from
overseas with the 27th Division to find
Mrs. Hurley working for O'Malley and
that she persuaded him to take a posi-
tion as manager of the rink. Subse-
quently, he said, she was wearing
clothing beyond her resources, displaying
a diamond ring which she had never
before shown to him, and he was ques-
tioned by her on the diamond ring. Hur-
ley states Mrs. Hurley has lived with
her parents.

EIGHT INJURED IN N. J. TROLLEY CRASH

One-Man Car Jumps Switch in
Bloomfield Centre—No One
Seriously Hurt.

Eight persons were injured in a
head-on collision early to-day between
two trolley cars in Broad Street, near
Bloomfield Centre, N. J. A one-man
trolley car going south jumped a switch
and struck a northbound car. No one
was seriously injured and all went
home.

The two most badly injured are Mrs.
Lewis Berry, No. 51 Myrtle Avenue,
Bloomfield, and Miss Jessica C. Blum-
man, No. 427 Bloomfield Avenue.
The price which it imposed upon the ex-
cessive price for gas oil, to be compelled
to pay a much higher price and under
harsher conditions than they pay to-
day.

STUDIES SLEUTHING. CAUGHT AS THIEF

Girl Accuses Sweet of Picking
Her Pocket and He
Is Held.

William L. Sweet, twenty-one and
hailing last from Atlantic City, who has
been studying with a St. Louis corre-
spondence school how to become a de-
tective, will have plenty of time now
to review his course. William is in jail
charged with being a pickpocket.
He was arrested in Times Square by
Detectives Muggery and Raffle on the
complaint of Rose Warshaw of No. 81
Longworth Avenue, Brooklyn, who said
her beaded bag containing \$2.25 and
some toilet articles had been snipped
from the handle with a pair of scissors.
The detectives say they found the bag
in Sweet's coat and the scissors in his
hand. Also they found in his pocket a
tin shield on which was printed "Pri-
vate Detective" and papers from a cor-
respondence school on the art of sleuth-
ing.

He was arraigned in Jefferson Market
Court and held to-day for the Grand
Jury.

Women's Press Club Gives Veritable "Hill of Money" for the A. L. Service House

People Are Waking Up to Even-
ing World's Campaign to
Aid Homeless and Jobless
Wounded Soldiers—To
Gen. Lafayette Police Post,
A. L., Belongs Honor of
Sending First Post Check
(\$100) to the Rapidly
Growing Fund.

By Lillian Bell.

Saturday was a good day for the
Service House Fund. I came before
two large audiences and got two
chances to talk about my "blesseds,"
and both audiences gave me money
for American Legion Service House
No. 1.

But before I tell you about it I
want to thank Gen. Lafayette Police
Post No. 460 for their check for \$100,
which got mixed up with mail I have
answered and only came to light yester-
day. So, although the letter is
dated the 25th—Washington's Birth-
day—I count it as contributing to Sat-
urday's budget of good things for the
wounded. The Gen. Lafayette Police
Post has the honor of being the first
American Legion post to send a check
to The Evening World's Service
House Fund.

Many Legionnaires have personally
contributed and I have taken up
several collections at American Leg-
ion posts after speaking, but the fact
remains that Gen. Lafayette
Police Post sent us our first American
Legion check.

The first check from an individual
Legionnaire was one received on
Feb. 9, one hour after my first ap-
pearance was published in The Evening
World and was from W. E. Deegan,
First Vice Commander of the State of
New York, and was for \$10. It
came a few minutes after the one
dollar from my young friend, Mary
Saul, ninety-three years young, who
has the honor of being the first con-
tributor to our fund.

THE LETTER THAT CAME WITH THE DELAYED CHECK.

Here is the letter from General La-
fayette Police Post, Evening World:
"Inclosed please find check for
\$100 from Gen. Lafayette Police
Post for a service house as
headquarters for homeless and
jobless members of the World
War as advocated by you in your
discussion of same in The Evening
World. This, I take it, is the right
kind of sympathy for the boys you
refer to in your very able articles
which I and others have read. I
made a motion for substantial
help at our last meeting, and am
happy to state it was seconded and
approved with the unanimous con-
sent of the whole post. We also
tendered you a vote of thanks for
the interest you have taken to fur-
ther the good work and the intelli-
gent way you advocated the bring-
ing of the matter before the pub-
lic. Sincerely yours,
GIN. LAFAYETTE POLICE POST,
MARTIN L. FITZPATRICK, 3d
Vice Commander.

Now, I have received a number of
requests from the Veterans of For-
eign Wars to be allowed to assist in
it, in case for raising funds for a
Service House, as they contend that
the wounded soldier problem is uni-
versal and as dear to their hearts as
ours.

It did not occur to me that any
one on God's earth felt debarred from
assisting in contributing to this
world-wide claim of the wounded
soldiers.

But if a special invitation from
The Evening World would be wel-
come, I hereby extend it to all my
heart. Come and help us boys,
and the next thing we must do will
be to start a V. F. W. Service House.

I know the American Legion will re-
member that you helped them and
will return the courtesy by co-operat-
ing with you.

I do so love the spirit of co-opera-
tion, that the slight verse of the thir-
teenth chapter of Genesis is one of
my favorite texts: "Let there be no
strife, I pray thee, between me and
thee and between my household and
thine, for we be brethren."

The co-operation during the war
between diverse religious and alien
races and conflicting political parties
has to my mind a great lesson in
the universal brotherhood of man,
which I hope will always be cher-
ished in the hearts of men and never en-
tirely lost.

WHEN THE MONEY PILED UP IN A HILL.

At noon Saturday I should have
been at the Waldorf helping to eat
the thirty-second anniversary break-
fast of the Women's Press Club of
New York City, but I had to miss
it, my car read 2 o'clock, so I
only got there in time for the ice
cream.

One of the speakers, not realizing
what I had said, spoke against the
bill now pending in Albany, to give
ex-servicemen preference in civil
service positions and urged that as it
was only giving a man a preference
over another man we should prefer
and give those jobs to women.

My stand is that the American
people owe more to their ex-servicemen
than they do to all the other men,
men and women of the land put to-
gether, for only by the action of the
A. E. F. in stopping the German drive
are we alive and safe and prosperous
to-day.

Therefore, I stand with the Ameri-
can Legion and the Veterans of
Foreign Wars in their efforts to take
care of their buddies and my pen in
writing a letter about it, just exactly
as courageously as ever their swords
were drawn in defense of a menaced
world.

When it came my turn to talk, they
had given me four times the amount
of time they had allotted to other
speakers, for the reason that I had
refused to go and speak at all unless
I had a reason, and this reason was
which I told my story of the need
of the wounded for a Service House.
I don't ask for fun in a drive like
this for anybody.

I was down on the programme un-
der the caption of "How I Gathered
\$10,000 from a Newspaper and Dis-
tributed It Among the Disabled Sol-
diers."

But as I didn't gather that amount

JUDGE HOLDS COURT IN THEFT TRIAL IN DYING MAN'S ROOM

Watchman Assaulted by Rob-
bers Gives Testimony
Propped Up in Bed.

Judge Louis D. Gibbs to-day moved
his division of the Bronx County
Court to the sick room of Paolo
Lamato, principal witness for the
State in the trial of Joseph Meyer,
twenty-five, of No. 4478 Park Avenue,
Meyer, an alleged second offender, is
accused of the hold-up of Lamato
and the robbery of the office of the
Metropolitan Tobacco Company, No.
4583 Park Avenue, Feb. 19, of \$5,300 in
bonds and cash.

Lamato, who was the night watch-
man of the tobacco company, is ill
with a cancer and expected to live
but a few days. Judge Gibbs was ed-
ward J. Chapman. The Judge there-
upon instructed a court attendant to
order automobiles to convey the jury,
the lawyers, the court clerk and
stenographer, two court attendants, a
detective, the prisoner and himself
to Lamato's home.

The dying man was propped up in
bed when the twenty-two people who
made up the party arrived, and in a
feeble voice, barely audible to the
men, who filled the room almost to
overflowing, recited that about 3
o'clock on the morning of Feb. 19, he
was called to the door of the factory.

"A masked man stuck a gun in my
face," he continued. "Three other
men pushed in behind him, grabbed
me, tied my hands and feet and gagged
me, tied me up in a horse
blanket and then threw me down
into a corner."

Meyer, who was arrested by De-
tective William J. Fallon, repudiated
an alleged confession in which he is
said to have admitted going with
three men to the Metropolitan To-
bacco Company and waiting while
they went inside. He now pleads not
guilty.

Burglars Loot Farmingdale Station

Burglars broke into the Farmingdale
Station of the Long Island Railroad be-
tween midnight and 5 o'clock this morn-
ing and stole \$450 in cash, \$225 in
checks undorsed, and packages of
valuables worth approximately \$150.

Harding Cabinet at Ideal Age for Mental Efficiency

So Declares Dr. Eugene Ly-
man Fisk After Striking
an Average.

The average age of the Harding
Cabinet is 54 years, and this is "al-
most ideal" as regards mental ef-
ficiency, according to Dr. Eugene
Lyman Fisk, Medical Direc-
tor of the Life Extension Institute.
"While there can be no exact for-
mula for determining the age at
which a man is most efficient, be-
cause of the variance in individuals
and their occupations, fifty-four
would seem to be almost ideal for
Cabinet officers," Dr. Fisk said to-
day in an interview with the United
Press.

"At that age a man will have ac-
quired poise and sound judgment
through ripe experience, which ob-
viously is more desirable for an im-
portant Government post than mere
youthful enthusiasm. At the same
time the chance of him being physi-
cally competent is very high."

According to Dr. Fisk, the average
man, under normal conditions, has
not attained the mental capacity for
a big executive job until he reaches
forty, although there have been many
notable exceptions. Again noting
many exceptions, he said the average
man is supposed to be at the height
of his mental efficiency between fifty
and sixty.

Dr. Fisk suggested that all men
taking important governmental of-
fices should be required to pass a
rigorous physical and mental exami-
nation, and that provision should be
made for periodical re-examinations.
In this connection, he advised estab-
lishment of a "classic system" of
physical exercise for Government ex-
ecutives, adding that "we demand
this of our army and navy officers,
why not of other departments?"

The ages of the members of Hard-
ing's official family are: Hughes 58,
Mellon 65, Weeks 60, Daugherty 61,
Hays 41, Denby 50, Fall 59, Wallace
54, Hoover 46, Davis 47, Harding
is 56.

DROPS HER ALIENATION SUIT.

Justice Platt of the Supreme Court in
White Plains has signed an order dis-
continuing actions of Mrs. Janet O.
Wallach against her father-in-law, Jo-
seph G. Wallach, laundryman, for alleged
alienation of her husband's affections
and alleged conversation of about \$10,000
in furniture and other property.
The order does not mention terms.

No Connection With Any Other Establishment in the World

WORTH

THIRTY FOURTH STREET BROADWAY-FIFTH AVENUE

DAINTY AFTERNOON FROCK'S
IN A DELIGHTFUL ENSEMBLE OF
THE NEWER FASHIONS FOR SPRINGTIME

THE VALUES ARE MOST EXTRAORDINARY

AT 25.00

**NEW FROCK'S
OF TAFFETA SILK**

THAT PORTRAY A
SNUG FITTED BODICE
ABOVE A SKIRT WHOSE
FLARING LINES CARE
ACCENTUATED BY ROWS
OF CORDING BELOW
THE WAISTLINE, PUFFED
AND CORDED SLEEVE
ENDS AND WIDE
SCALLOPS AT BOTTOM
OF SKIRT ADD THEIR
QUOTA OF CHARM

AT 45.00

**NEW FROCK'S
OF CANTON CREPE**

THAT EMPHASIZE THE
SLENDER LINES OF
THE NEW TAILORED
SILHOUETTE AT THEIR
BEST, A SLIM
BODICE SETS ABOVE
A RATHER FLARING
ROUND BOTTOM TUNIC
SKIRT, ARTISTIC EFFECTS
OF ORNAMENTATION
ARE PRODUCED BY
STEEL BEADING